

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 79—COMMEMORATING THE PEOPLE OF REMY, FRANCE AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE 364TH FIGHTER GROUP

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. SANTORUM) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 79

Whereas on August 2, 1944, a squadron of P-51s from the United States 364th Fighter Group strafed a German munitions train in Remy, France;

Whereas the resulting explosion killed Lieutenant Houston Braly, one of the attacking pilots, and destroyed much of the village of Remy, including 7 stained glass windows in the 13th century church;

Whereas, despite threats of reprisals from the occupying German authorities, the citizens of Remy recovered Lieutenant Braly's body from the wreckage, buried his body with dignity and honor in the church's cemetery, and decorated the grave site daily with fresh flowers;

Whereas on Armistice Day, 1995, the village of Remy renamed the crossroads near the site of Lieutenant Braly's death in his honor;

Whereas the surviving members of the 364th Fighter Group desire to express their gratitude to the brave citizens of Remy; and

Whereas, to express their gratitude, the surviving members of the 364th Fighter Group have organized a nonprofit corporation to raise funds, through its project "Windows for Remy", to restore the church's stained glass windows: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) commends the bravery and honor of the citizens of Remy, France, for their actions with respect to the American fighter pilot Lieutenant Houston Braly during and after August 1944; and

(2) recognizes the efforts of the surviving members of the United States 364th Fighter Group to raise funds to restore the stained glass windows of Remy's 13th century church.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a resolution on behalf of myself, Senator BOXER, Senator HUTCHISON, Senator DURBIN, and Senator SANTORUM, to commemorate the acts of kindness of the residents of Remy, France afforded World War II Army Air Corps pilot Lieutenant Houston Braly. While these deeds occurred more than fifty years ago, the story of this young pilot is carried on in the hearts and minds of the people of Remy. Now the friends and comrades of Lt. Braly have joined together to show their appreciation in a most sincere gesture of goodwill.

On August 2, 1944, Lt. Braly's squadron of P-51 fighters on patrol in northern France encountered a German munitions train. The squadron made three unsuccessful attack runs at the train, which was almost impossible to see because of camouflage. On the fourth run, however, Lt. Braly's fire hit a car carrying explosives, causing a tremendous explosion.

Airplanes circling 13,000 feet over the battle were hit by shrapnel from the

train. Haystacks in fields some distance away were seen burning, and nearly all buildings in the small French town were demolished. The 13th century church in the town of Remy barely escaped destruction, but the historic stained-glass windows were destroyed.

The explosion also claimed the life of Lt. Braly, who was only twenty-two years old on that tragic day.

Despite the near total destruction of the small town, the residents of Remy regarded that young American as a hero. A young woman pulled Braly's body from the burning wreck of the plane, wrapped him in the nylon of his parachute, and placed him in the town's courtyard. Hundreds of villagers showered the site with flowers, stunning the German authorities. Threats of reprisals were made if the tributes continued, but eventually the authorities agreed that a small, private burial could be performed in the church's cemetery.

The next morning it was discovered that despite the potentially severe consequences, villagers had once again paid tribute to the young pilot. The covert placement of flowers on Lt. Braly's grave continued until American forces liberated Remy to the cheers of the townspeople. American soldiers were led to Lt. Braly's grave, which was marked by the bent propeller of his P-51 fighter.

Nearly 50 years later, Steven Lea Vell of Danville, California, came across this story during the course of research he was doing at the Air Force Archives in Alabama. Mr. Lea Vell was so moved by the story that he visited Remy, France, only to find that the stained glass windows of the magnificent 13th century church which were destroyed in the explosion had not been replaced. Mr. Lea Vell contacted various members of the 364th Fighter Group, under which Lt. Braly had served. These veterans had heard the stories of how the residents of Remy had honored their fallen friend. They joined together to form Windows for Remy, a non-profit organization working to raise \$200,000 to replace the stained glass windows to repay the town for their distinguished actions toward Lt. Braly.

Mr. President, the residents of Remy have not forgotten the story of that young American pilot. On Armistice Day, November 11, 1995, fifty years after the war ended, the town of Remy paid tribute once more to Lt. Braly. On that day they renamed the crossroads where he perished to "Rue de Houston L. Braly, Jr."

I am confident that my fellow senators will join me in commending the people of Remy, France for their kindness and recognize the friends and former comrades of Lt. Braly for their efforts to pay back this debt of honor.

SENATE RESOLUTION—191—MAKING MAJORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS

Mr. CHAFEE (for Mr. LOTT) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 191

Resolved,

SEC. 1. That the following be the majority membership on the Committee on Governmental Affairs for the remainder of the 105th Congress, or until their successors are appointed, pursuant to section 2 of this resolution:

Governmental Affairs: Mr. Thompson (Chairman), Mr. Roth, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Collins, Mr. Brownback, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Nickles, and Mr. Specter.

SEC. 2. That section 1 of this resolution shall take effect immediately upon the filing of the report by the Committee on Governmental Affairs as required by Senate Resolution 39, agreed to March 11, 1997.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1998

CHAFEE (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 1682

Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BYRD, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BOND, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. REID, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DOMENICI, and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 1676 proposed by Mr. CHAFEE to the bill (S. 1173) to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 136, after line 22, add the following:

SEC. 11. ADDITIONAL FUNDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) APPORTIONMENT.—On October 1, or as soon as practicable thereafter, of each fiscal year, after making apportionments and allocations under sections 104 and 105(a) of title 23, United States Code, and section 1102(c) of this Act, the Secretary shall apportion, in accordance with paragraph (2), the funds made available by paragraph (3) among the States in the ratio that—

(A) the total of the apportionments to each State under section 104 of title 23, United States Code, and section 1102(c) of this Act and the allocations to each State under section 105(a) of that title (excluding amounts made available under this section); bears to

(B) the total of all apportionments to all States under section 104 of that title and section 1102(c) of this Act and all allocations to all States under section 105(a) of that title (excluding amounts made available under this section).

(2) DISTRIBUTION AMONG CATEGORIES.—

(A) LIMITED FLEXIBLE FUNDING FOR CERTAIN STATES.—For each fiscal year, in the case of each State that does not receive funding under subsection (c) or an allocation under subsection (d), an amount equal to 22 percent of the funds apportioned to the State under